

CASE No.

316

**NORTHERN DISTRICT**

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PART OF LASSEN'S RANCH GRANT

HARRIET BESSE

CLAIMANT:



LAND CASE 316 ND

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TRANSCRIPT  
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IN CASE

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*Harriet Besse*

CLAIMANT

VS.

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT,

*part of*  
FOR THE PLACE NAMED

*"Sasson's Ranch"*



Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Be it Remembered, that on this *third day of March*, Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-*three*, before the Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, sitting as a Board in the City of San Francisco, in the State aforesaid, in the United States of America, the following Proceedings were had, to wit;

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The Petition of *Harriet Besse* <sup>part of</sup> for the Place named "*Sassen's Ranch*," was presented, and ordered to be filed and docketed with No. 498 and is as follows, to wit;

(Vide page 3 of this Transcript.)

Upon which Petition the following subsequent Proceedings were had in their chronological order, to wit;

*San Francisco January 9' 1855.*  
Case no. 498, *Harriet Besse* for part of *Sassen's Ranch* was ordered to be placed at the foot of the 4<sup>th</sup> Class Cases on the Trial Docket.

*San Francisco January 23' 1855.*  
Case no. 498 was submitted under the Rule of March 21' 1854.

*San Francisco April 14' 1855.*  
In the Same Case Commissioner S. B. Farwell delivered the Opinion of the Board rejecting the claim,  
(Vide page 11 of this Transcript.)  
and the following order was made, to wit,  
(Vide page 12 of this Transcript.)

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Petition

To the Honorable the Land Commission  
of the United States for the Settlement of Private  
Land Claims

Your Petitioner Horner Bessie  
of the county of Butte respectfully represents  
that in 1844 five leagues of land called  
Bosquij situated on the River Sacramento  
on both sides of Deer Creek known as Lassens  
Ranch

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Now in the county of Butte were gr-  
anted and conveyed to Peter Lassen of said  
county by the Government of Mexico as will  
more fully appear by reference to the several  
papers.

Remitted them with files in the  
Office of the Secretary of this Commission  
in the matter of the appropriation of said  
Lassen (number) 182. of which your  
Petitioner may care to refer.

That on the  
30th day of June 1847 said Peter Lassen  
then being in lawful possession of said  
lands by deed of that date a copy where-  
of is annexed number A for a valuable  
Concession to said town,

and the which  
in said Exhibit states conveyed to Daniel  
Sill the Factor of your Petitioner the lands  
within number B of Deer  
Creek

That said Sill thenceforth took poss-  
ession of said lands erected a house  
and made valuable improvements thereon  
that on the Sunday day of April 1851 said  
Daniel Sill,

By deed of that date a copy  
whereof is annexed number B. conveyed to  
your Petitioner said portion of said lands  
as a part of said conveyed town by said  
Peter Lassen as under as follows

all that  
five square situated on the north side  
of Deer Creek bounded as follows com-  
mencing at the junction of Deer Creek



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with the Sacramento River thence running  
westwardly along said River one Spanish  
League across said Deer Creek according  
to the Survey made by William Ide  
Thence

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Eastwardly at right Angles one Spanish  
League thence southwardly at right angles  
one Spanish League to said Deer Creek  
Thence

Westwardly along said Creek to the place  
of beginning. That your Petitioner in due  
obedience to the execution of said survey and  
last mentioned,

Took possession of said  
lands thereby conveyed, when and has since  
paid that same value to the rightful  
possession thereof.

And as there is no other  
use claims your Petitioner therefore  
prays that in making proof of this  
matter, he may be permitted to said  
lands may be confirmed.

Harriet Basso  
B. R. K. Novinsin  
her Attorney

Filed in Office March 3rd 1853  
George F. Fisher  
Clerk

Records in Vol 2 of Petitions on pages  
206-207  
George F. Fisher  
Secretary



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Deed

Copy

Know all men by these presents that I Peter Lassen do this day grant and give to Dannie Hill all right title and interest to all the land houses and improvements which I claim north of Deer Creek

The running quarant stones of the mill & up to said Hill to have full possession on the first day of September 1847 provided said Dannie Hill be as hurried to command finish off the house which said Lassen is building on the south side of the creek

Said Lassen being hurried to give said Hill a warranty Deed for said land as soon as he can get me hurried Independence June 30th 1847 Peter Lassen

Witness  
A. G. Thomas

County of Butte fs

I, W. T. Sexton County Recorder of said County do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Bond Return in my Office in Book of said Volume 1 on Page 3 on the 28th day of October A.D. 1857 at 4 O'clock P. M. by G. B. Bessie Inters by hand W. T. Sexton  
County Recorder  
Butte County

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George Fisher  
Secretary

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Deed

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Copy

This Indenture made the second day of  
 April one thousand eight hundred and  
 fifty one between Daniel Hill of the first  
 part and Harriet Bessie of the second part  
 witnesses that the said party of the  
 first part for and in consideration of the  
 sum of \$1.00 lawful money of the United  
 States to him in hand paid by the  
 said party of the second part as on before  
 the usual and delivery of these presents  
 the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged  
 and the said party of the second part  
 her heirs executors and administrators  
 from released and discharged from the  
 same by these presents have granted bargained  
 and sold all and sundry tenements tenements  
 messuages and premises and by these presents  
 do Grant bargain sell all their tenements re-  
 lease convey and confirm unto the said party  
 of the second part and to her heirs and  
 assigns forever all that certain piece  
 or parcel of land situated on the north  
 side of Deer Creek bounded and described  
 as follows:

Commencing at the junction of  
 Deer Creek and the Sacramento River  
 thence running westerly along the Sacra-  
 mento River one Spanish league across  
 Deer Creek according to the Survey made  
 by William Ide thence easterly at right  
 angles one Spanish league thence southerly  
 at right angles one Spanish league to Deer  
 Creek thence westerly along Deer Creek  
 to the Place of beginning together with all  
 and singular the tenements hereditaments  
 and appurtenances thence to belonging or in  
 anywise appertaining unto the same and  
 revenues revenues and remainders rents  
 issues and profits thereof and also all the estate  
 rights title interest property possession claim  
 and demand whatsoever as well in Law as in  
 equity of the said party of the first part  
 of or and to the same and any part and  
 parcel thereof with the appurtenances

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to have and to hold the above granted bargains  
and desired promises unto the said party of the second part her  
heirs and assigns to their own proper use ben-  
efit and behoof from and to the said Daniel  
sell of the first part his heirs Executors  
and administrators do hereby covenent grant  
and agree to and with the said party of the  
second part his heirs and assigns that the  
said Daniel sell of the first part at the time  
of the sealing and delivery of these presents  
is lawfully seized in and of a good absolute  
and unfeigned estate of inheritance in fee  
simple of and in all and singular the above  
granted and desired promises unto the  
appertainers and have good right full power  
and lawful authority to grant bargain sell  
and convey the same in manner aforesaid  
and that the said party of the second part her  
heirs and assigns shall and may at all times  
hereafter peaceably and quietly have hold use  
and occupy possess and enjoy the above granted  
promises and every part and parcel thereof  
with the appertainers without any let suit  
trouble molestation or other disturbance  
of the said party of the first part his heirs  
or assigns or of any other person or persons  
lawfully claiming or to claim the same

and that the same now are free clear discharged  
and unincumbered of and from all former  
and other grants titles charges estates ten-  
nants taxes assessments and encumbr-  
ances of what nature whosoever  
also that the said party of the first part  
and his heirs and all and every person or persons  
whosoever lawfully or equitably deriving  
any estate right title or interest of theirs to the  
above granted promises.

By firm under  
my trust for them shall and will at any  
time or times hereafter upon the reasonable  
request and at the proper costs and charges  
in the Law of the said party of the second part  
her heirs and assigns make and execute



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or cause to be made done and executed all and every such further and other lawful and reasonable acts covenants and assurances in the Law

For the better and more effectual vesting and confirming the premises hereby granted or so intended to be in and to the said party of the second part herein and assigns forever as by the said party of the second part herein and assigns,

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Or if the Court learned in the Law shall be reasonably advised or required. And the said Daniel Hill of the first part and his heirs to the above described and hereby granted and released premises and every part and parcel thereof unto the appointed heirs unto the said party of the second part herein and assigns against the said party of the first part and his heirs and against all and every person or persons whom ever lawfully claiming to claim the same shall and will warrant and by these presents defend

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto with their hands and seals the day and year first above written the ends to wit the 2nd

Page and second line from the bottom was in the time and added before signing  
Signed Daniel Hill

Witnessed and delivered in presence of  
James J. Haskins  
W. P. Humphreys

State of California }  
County of Butte ss } on this 26th day of April  
A.D. 1857 personally appeared before me a notary public and for said county Daniel Hill known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing conveyance who acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the uses & purposes -



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These minutes for testimony about above  
minutes at my hands and official seal  
(private) the day and year above written  
Charles F. Lott, L.S.  
Notary Public

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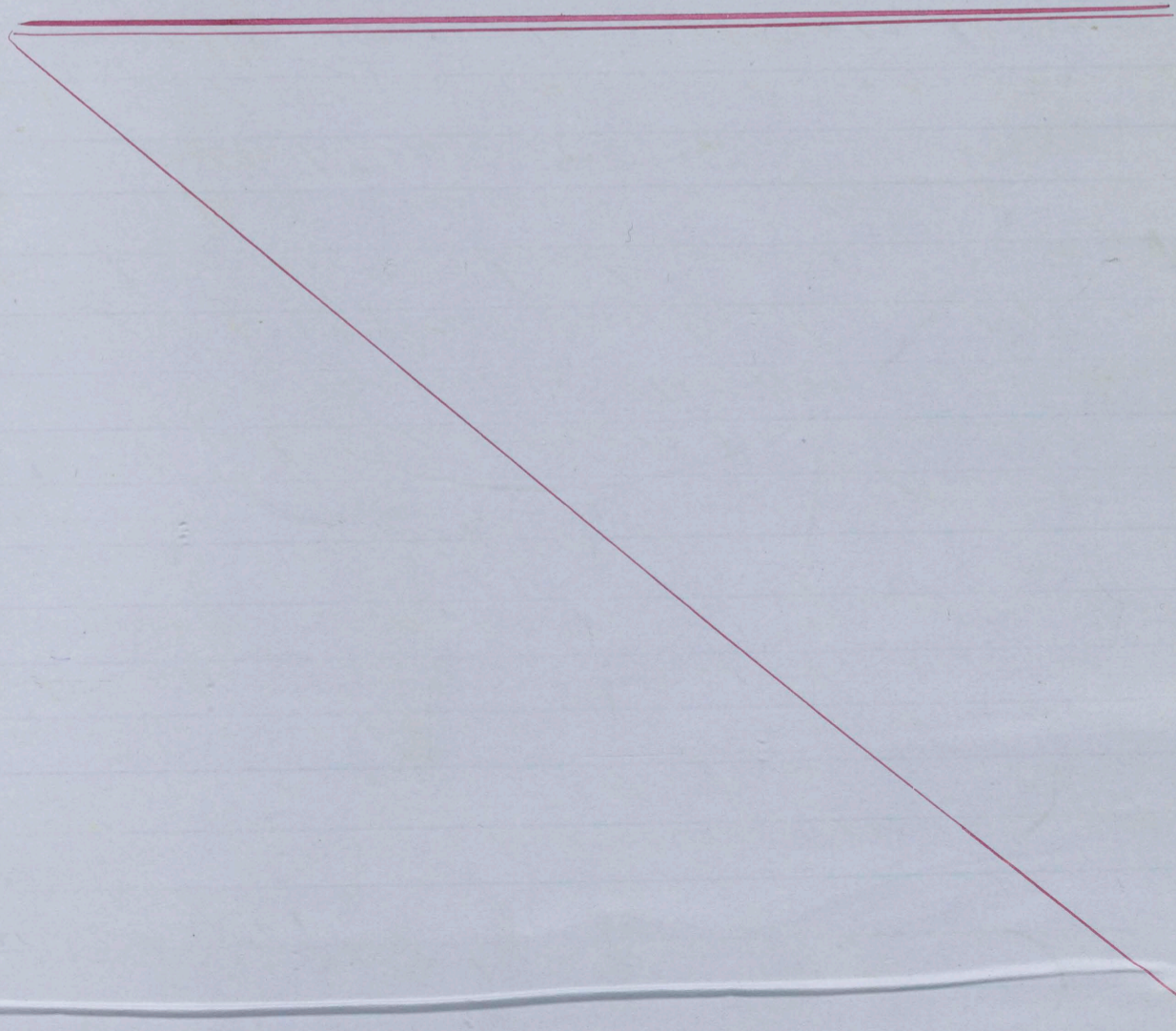
Note: The other acknowledgment appended  
to the above conveyance was executed by an  
unidentified person  
C. F. Lott, N.P.

County of Butte §

I W. J. Sexton County Recorder  
of Butte County do hereby certify the above  
to be a true copy of as the same is recorded in my  
office by J. B. Biss on the 26th day of April  
A.D. 1857 in Book of Warrants separate  
property Vol 2 on pages 1 & 2

Witness my hand  
W. J. Sexton  
Recorder Butte Co

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Geo. Fisher  
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Opinion  
of the  
Board

Number 798  
Harriett Buss  
vs  
The United States

} For a part of a piece  
called Lassens Ranch  
in Butte County

The claimant in  
this case has offered evidence to entitle  
her to a compensation of anything described  
in her petition

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A Decree therefore will be  
entered rejecting the same  
(Rejected)

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signed  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary

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signed  
Geo Fisher  
Secretary

Decree

Number 798  
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The United States

} In this case on  
hearing the proofs and allegations it is ad-  
judged by the Commission that the claim  
of the said Petitioner is not valid and it  
is therefore decreed that her application for  
a compensation thereof be denied

R. Aug. Thompson  
S. J. Farwell

Commissioners

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Secretary



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And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board that the Camp Grant Reservation is situated in the Northern District of California it is hereby ordered that two transcripts of the Proceedings and of the Decision in this case and of the papers and evidence upon which the same are founded be made and sent duly certified by the Secretary

One of which transcripts shall be filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California and the other be transmitted to the Attorney General of the United States



Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California.

I, George Fisher Secretary to the Board of Commissioners to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing Twelve pages, numbered from 1 to 12 inclusive, to contain a true, correct and full Transcript of the Record of the Proceedings and of the Decision of the said Board of the Documentary Evidence and of the Testimony of the Witnesses, upon which the same is founded, on file in this Office, under Case No. 798 on the Docket of the said Board, whereof Harriet Besse is

the Plaintiff against the United States, for the place known by the name of Part of Garrison's Ranch

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my private Seal (not having a Seal of Office) at San Francisco, California, this Fifteenth day of October A. D. 1855, and of the Independence of the United States of America the seventy-eighth

Geo. Fisher  
Geo. Fisher



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U. S. DISTRICT COURT

*Northern* District of California.

No. 316

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THE UNITED STATES,

vs.

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*Marrit Besse.*

TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

FROM THE

BOARD OF U. S. LAND COMMISSIONERS,

In Case No.

*798*

Filed, *October 23* - 185*5*

*J. A. Monroe,*  
Clerk.



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Office of the Board of Commissioners,

To ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California.

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San Francisco, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 1855

J. A. Munroe Esq.  
Clerk of the U. S. District Court for the  
Northern District of California.

Sir;

I herewith transmit you, pursuant to the requirements of the Act of Congress, approved August 31st, 1852, a Transcript of the Record of the Proceedings and of the Decision of this Board, of the Documentary Evidence and of the Testimony of the witnesses upon which the same is founded, in Case No. 798 on the Docket of the said Board, wherein

Harriet Bessie is —

the Claimant against the United States, for the place known by the name of

Part of Sasser's Ranch —

and request your receipt for the same.

I am, Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servant,

Geo. Fisher  
G. Fisher